



HELIOS RENEWABLE
ENERGY
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Appendix 6.4:
Correspondence with the NYC
Conservation Officer**

June 2024

From: [Anne Sims](#)
To: [Laura Garcia](#)
Subject: RE: Helios solar scheme
Date: 19 May 2023 19:14:53
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Hi Laura,

We are still working in "areas". Wednesdays are my Selby day.

My email address for the Selby area is [REDACTED]@northyorks.gov.uk and Harrogate is [REDACTED]@northyorks.gov.uk

I did respond to a scoping opinion this week but not sure if it was this one – I will need to wait until I log back on to Selby account next week. I am so busy I just have to deal with applications when the planning officer chases me for a response unfortunately – who is the planning officer?

It sounds as though you have taken the right approach to the assessments. In terms of assessment of impact, as long as the terminology relates to the text from the NPPF – substantial/less than substantial harm – then I have no objections.

Thanks,
Anne

[REDACTED]
Principal Conservation Officer

From: Laura Garcia [REDACTED] a@pegasusgroup.co.uk>
Sent: 19 May 2023 17:07
To: [REDACTED]@harrogate.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]@selby.gov.uk
Subject: Helios solar scheme

Good afternoon Anne

I am writing with regards to the Helios Solar Scheme DCO which is in preparation in Selby. We have submitted the Scoping Opinion to PINS – im not sure if you had sight of this? I am writing to provide you with information as to the assessment of built heritage assets and where we are at so far.

We have done a 3km search area, as agreed within the DCO scoping and within this there are relatively few built heritage assets given the scale of the Site. I have attached two figures showing the locations of designated assets but please note the redline boundary on these figures is now out of date. I have attached a further figure showing the most recent redline boundary.

There are no designated assets within the Site boundary. A number of the listed assets in the 3km are bridges and milestones which I have excluded from assessment due to the nature of their significance and what it derives from the setting. I have also excluded a number of assets due to distance,, lack of visibility and their locations being surrounded by development – such as the Brayton and Armoury Road and Brook Street Conservation Area.

From my initial review and site visit and as part of Step 1 of the HE settings guidance process – I have identified which assets have the greatest potential to have their settings affected by the proposed scheme:

- Grade II Manor Farmhouse – 1148398;
- Grade I Camblesforth Hall – 1173983;
- Grade II Dovecote to Camblesforth Hall Approximately 5m to east – 1316356;
- Grade I Carlton Towers – 1295955;
- Grade II Temple Manor - 1295905

I visited the Conservation Area of Snaith and there were no views of the Site from the edge of the Conservation

Area or from any listed building within. I will, of course, still be discussing all of the assets within the assessment and setting out in more detail the reasons why certain assets have not been considered for full assessment or to steps 2 and 3 of the HE setting process.

I have taken a number of viewpoints (not formal LVIA type and GLVIA compliant, rather photographs from the nearest publicly available spot) from the assets which I consider have the potential to experience effects from the proposed scheme, but it is noted that the Site is well-contained with already extant tall hedgerows which will be bolstered further through the landscape mitigation. In addition, this is a landscape dominated by Drax and its cooling towers which have a profound visual influence over views in all directions.

Apologies for using two email addresses – I am not sure which is the most applicable, especially after the North Yorks merger! If you could let me know that would be great, along with any changes in terms of your role with the merger. I know you used to have one day a week for Selby 'business' but is this still the case with the new combined North Yorkshire Council?


If you would like any further information, please let me know or if you a call might be useful to you to discuss the scheme in general, again, please let me know,

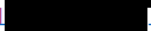
Kind regards

Laura

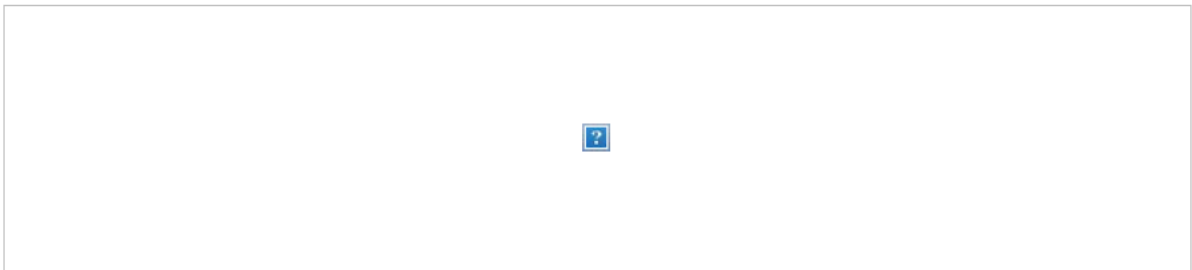
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